



Course Information



Course Code: **FF050**
Course: **Introduction to the Fire Service**
Hours: 16 hours
Designed For: Entry level Recruit Firefighter

Course Description: The class focus is on basic safety consideration and essential information required before a member of a fire department responds to an incident and provides an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the fire service at the basic level.

Course Goals: The purpose of this course is to prepare entry-level fire service personnel with an understanding of the dangers associated with emergency operations and method used for scene management and safety.

- ✘ Prerequisites: None
- ✘ Certification: None
- ✘ Class Size: No Restriction
- ✘ Restrictions: None

REQUIRED STUDENT MATERIALS

- ✘ Assorted SCBA units (Complete)
- ✘ Fire Apparatus
- ✘ Firefighting hand tools

REQUIRED INSTRUCTOR MATERIALS

- ✘ Department Rules, Regulations and Procedures
- ✘ Firefighter Training Material such as IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting 5th Ed **OR**
- ✘ Fundamentals of Firefighter Skills (Jones & Bartlett)

REFERENCES

National Fire Protection Association Standard (NFPA) 1001,
Standard for Firefighter Professional Qualifications 2008 Edition

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Course Objectives: Upon completion of the Introduction to the Fire Service Training Program, the candidate shall demonstrate, through written examination and/or practical application, knowledge of the fire service, scene management and safety.

COURSE CORE OBJECTIVES DEFINED

- ✧ Fire Department Overview
 - Organization
 - Describe the four basic principles of organization of the fire department.
 - Chain of Command
 - Define the chain of command as it applies to a fire department.
 - Describe the roles of fire fighters within the fire department.
 - Training requirements
 - Describe departmental training requirements
 - Department General Orders and Procedures
 - Describe the fire department's regulations, policies, and standard operating procedures, and how they apply to the fire fighter.
 - Locate information in departmental documents and standard operating procedures.
- ✧ Health and Safety
 - NFPA 1500
 - Discuss the educational, age, medical, physical fitness, and emergency medical care requirements for becoming a fire fighter.
 - Describe how standards and procedures, personnel, training, and equipment relate to the prevention of fire fighter injuries and deaths.
 - List safety precautions you need to take during training, during emergency responses, at emergency incidents, at the fire station, and outside your workplace.
- ✧ Emergency Operations
 - Vehicles
 - Describe your role in assuring safe and efficient response to an emergency scene.
 - Describe how to ride an emergency vehicle safely.
 - Describe how to dismount an emergency vehicle safely
 - Demonstrate proper use of Seat Belts
 - Describe the requirements of Vanessa K. Free
 - Recognize the importance of an emergency vehicle driver-training program.
 - Identify the elements of a comprehensive emergency vehicle driver training program
 - Fire Ground Operations
 - Describe the safety considerations for the use of tools and equipment.
 - Describe offensive versus defensive operations.
 - Identifying the hazardous material(s) involved in an incident using labels and placards

- ✘ Personnel Protective Equipment
 - Fire Ground
 - Describe the protection provided by personal protective equipment (PPE).
 - Explain the importance of standards for PPE.
 - Describe the limitations of PPE.
 - Describe proper maintenance of PPE.
 - Describe the hazards of smoke and other toxic environments.
 - Demonstrate donning and doffing techniques
 - Emergency Medical
 - Communicable Disease
 - Understand infection control.
- ✘ Self Contained Breathing Apparatus
 - Explain why respiratory protection is needed in the fire service.
 - Describe differences between open- and closed-circuit breathing apparatus.
 - Describe limitations associated with self-contained breathing apparatus.
 - List and describe the major components of SCBA.
 - Explain the skip-breathing technique.
 - Explain the safety precautions you should remember when using SCBA.
 - Describe the importance of daily, monthly, and annual SCBA inspections.
 - Explain the procedures for refilling SCBA cylinders.
 - List the steps for donning and doffing a complete PPE ensemble.
 - Describe the use of the emergency by-pass valve on an SCBA.
 - Demonstrate donning and doffing techniques
- ✘ Firefighter Survival Procedures
 - May-Day
 - Define May-Day
 - Describe critical information that must be reported
 - Location
 - Identification
 - Problem
- ✘ Rehabilitation & Critical Stress
 - Define emergency incident rehabilitation.
 - Describe why fire fighters need emergency incident rehabilitation.
 - List and describe the types of extended fire incidents where fire fighters need emergency incident rehabilitation.
 - Describe the seven functions of a rehabilitation center.
 - List four parts of revitalization.

- Describe the types of fluids that are well suited for fire fighters to drink during emergency incident rehabilitation.
 - Describe four other types of incidents where fire fighters would benefit from emergency incident rehabilitation.
 - Describe the types of food that are well suited for fire fighters to eat during emergency incident rehabilitation.
 - Describe the personal responsibilities related to emergency incident rehabilitation.
- ✧ Incident Management
- IS-100 (On-Line NFA Class)*
 - Identify requirements to use ICS
 - Identify three purposes of ICS
 - Identify common incident tasks
 - Describe the basic features of ICS
 - Describe the role and function of the Incident Commander (IC)
 - Describe the role and function of the Command Staff
 - Describe the six basic ICS facilities
 - Identify facilities that may be located together
 - Identify facility map symbols

** Documentation of completion of the IS-100 Class from FEMA or the National Fire Academy is required before receiving a certificate from the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy.*

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Tentative schedule for the TFACA Fire Recruit Basic Training Program:

Unit	SUBJECT		
0	Orientation		
1	Fire Department Overview	1	Hour
2	Health and Safety	2	Hours
3	Emergency Operations	2	Hours
4	Personnel Protective Equipment	2	Hours
5	Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	4	Hours
6	Firefighter Survival Procedures	2	Hours
7	Rehabilitation & Critical Stress	1	Hour
8	Incident Management	1	Hour